

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1319  
By McKee

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Patricia Weiland upon her reception of the Rodli Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Patricia Weiland, who was recently awarded the prestigious Rodli Award; and

WHEREAS, given each year by the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA), the Rodli Award recognizes a Correctional Industries Executive who has made sustained, outstanding contributions to the field during the course of the recipient's career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Weiland currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the Chief Executive Officer of Tennessee Rehabilitation Initiative in Correction (TRICOR), a post she has held since her appointment in 1996; and

WHEREAS, since joining TRICOR, she has guided the organization through a period of significant growth and change; she has overseen its reorganization into an independent entity governed by a board of directors and developed and implemented TRICOR's first performance-based pay system and its statewide Workforce Development Initiative, among a myriad of other changes and improvements; and

WHEREAS, TRICOR is seen by many in the industry as a new innovation in the management of the prison labor force, and Patricia Weiland as the motivating force behind such innovation; and

WHEREAS, an advocate of criminal justice reform and nationwide offender reentry initiatives, Ms. Weiland established and serves as Chairman of NCIA's Task Force on Offender

Reentry; she also serves as a valued member of the Tennessee Reentry Coalition, is on the Board of Directors of Project Return, Inc., stands as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Past President of NCIA, and was selected to represent the United States at the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Geneva Convention; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Weiland epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and her dedication to excellence is worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Patricia Weiland's dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Patricia Weiland for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate her upon her reception of the 2006 Rodli Award, applaud her unwavering dedication to the highest ideals of rehabilitation among offenders, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.